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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:


Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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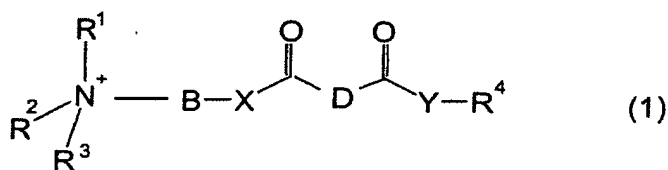
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.(Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting corrosion and gas hydrate formation in mixtures of hydrocarbon and water, said method comprising adding to said mixture a compound ~~The use of compounds of~~ [[the]] formula (1)



where

R¹, R² are each independently C₁- to C₂₂-alkyl, C₂- to C₂₂-alkenyl, C₆- to C₃₀-aryl or C₇- to C₃₀-alkylaryl,

R³ is C₁- to C₂₂-alkyl, C₂- to C₂₂-alkenyl, C₆- to C₃₀-aryl or C₇- to C₃₀-alkylaryl, -CHR⁵-COO⁻ or -O⁻,

R⁴ is M, hydrogen or an organic radical ~~which optionally contains heteroatoms and has~~ having from 1 to 100 carbon atoms,

B is ~~an optionally substituted~~ a straight-chain or branched C₁- to C₁₀-alkylene group,

D is an ethylene group substituted by an organic radical having from 1 to 600 carbon atoms,

X, Y are each independently O or NR⁶,

R⁵, R⁶ are each independently hydrogen, C₁- to C₂₂-alkyl, C₂- to C₂₂-alkenyl, C₆- to C₃₀-aryl or C₇- to C₃₀-alkylaryl, and

M is a cation

~~as corrosion and gas hydrate inhibitors.~~

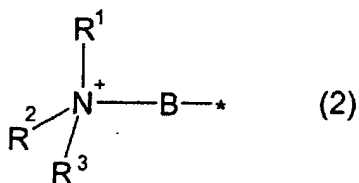
2.(Currently Amended) The ~~use as claimed in~~ method of claim 1, wherein B is a C₂- to C₄-alkylene group.

3.(Currently Amended) The ~~use as claimed in~~ method of claim 1 ~~and/or 2~~, wherein R¹ and R² are each independently an alkyl or alkenyl group of from 2 to 14 carbon atoms.

4.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~use as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein R³ is an alkyl or alkenyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms.

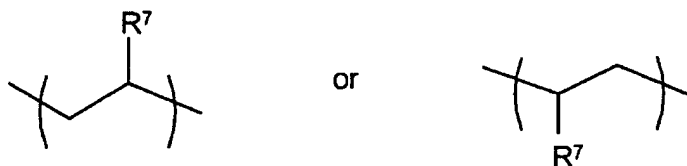
5.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~use as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are hydrogen.

6.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~use as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 5~~, wherein R⁴ is a radical of the formula (2)



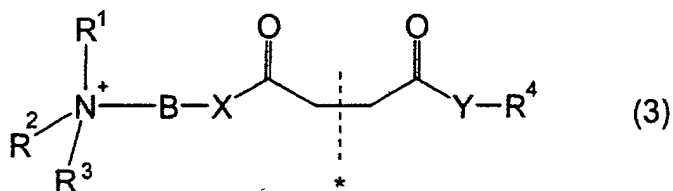
where R¹, R², R³ and B are each as defined in claim 1.

7.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~use as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 6~~, wherein D is a structural unit of the formula



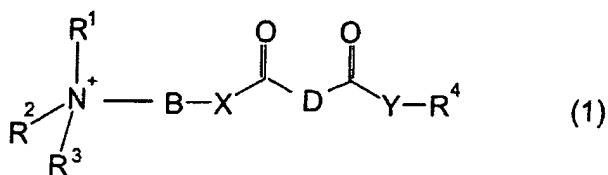
in which R⁷ is C₂ - to C₁₀₀-alkyl or alkenyl radicals.

8.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 ~~use as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 7~~, wherein R⁷ is structural units of the formula (3)



where R¹, R², R³, R⁴, B, X and Y are each as defined in claim 1.

9.(Currently Amended) A compound of ~~[[the]]~~ formula (1)



where

R¹, R² are each independently C₁- to C₂₂-alkyl, C₂- to C₂₂-alkenyl, C₆- to C₃₀-aryl or C₇- to C₃₀-alkylaryl,

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M is a cation.

10.(New) The method of claim 1, wherein R⁴ contains hetero atoms.

11.(New) The compound of claim 9, wherein R⁴ contains hetero atoms.